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RE: WT Docket No. 06-136  
Requests for Extension of Time

Fixed Wireless Holdings, LLC  
Transition of the 2500-2690 MHz Band  
Transition Areas: BTA Number 3: Abilene, TX  
BTA Number 69: Casper-Gillette, WY  
BTA Number 111: Des Moines, IA  
BTA Number 157: Fresno, CA  
BTA Number 164: Glens Falls, NY  
BTA Number 181: Harrisburg, PA  
BTA Number 188: Helena, MT  
BTA Number 198: Huntsville, AL  
BTA Number 290: Memphis, TN  
BTA Number 291: Merced, CA  
BTA Number 341: Paris, TX  
BTA Number 370: Reading, PA

Dear Ms. Sodos-Wallace:

On November 13, 2008, wholly-owned subsidiaries of Clearwire Corporation (together "Clearwire"), filed Requests for Extension of Time to complete the transition for the Basic Trading Areas (BTA) noted above.<sup>1</sup> For the reasons discussed below, we grant Clearwire's requests and extend the deadline for completing the transition in those BTAs to February 28, 2009.

Clearwire submitted Initiation Plans for the BTAs in question between February 12, 2007 and February 16, 2007.<sup>2</sup> According to the Commission's Rules, Clearwire was required to complete the transition by mid-November, 2008.<sup>3</sup> Clearwire states that it is focusing on closing the transfer of control of licenses involving Clearwire and Sprint Nextel Corporation and integrating the two companies' business and existing services into a new company.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Letters from Nadja S. Sodos-Wallace, Clearwire Corporation, to Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WT Docket No. 06-136 (filed Nov. 13, 2008) (Clearwire Letters).

<sup>2</sup> Letters from Terri B. Natoli, Clearwire, to Marlene H. Dortch, Federal Communications Commission, WT Docket No. 06-136 (dated Feb. 12, 2007, Feb. 14, 2007, Feb. 16, 2007).

<sup>3</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 27.1232(a) and (b)(1)(vi).

<sup>4</sup> Letters at 1-2. See Sprint Nextel Corporation and Clearwire Corporation, WT Docket No. 08-94, *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, FCC 08-259 (rel. Nov. 7, 2008).

We find that Clearwire has made a good faith effort to transition the BTAs in question and that it has shown good cause for a brief extension. It appears that no party would be prejudiced by a grant of this extension, particularly since licensees can continue operating pursuant to the old band plan until the transition is completed. We note that copies of the requests were served on the affected licensees, and no oppositions were filed. Thus, we grant Clearwire an extension of time to transition the BTAs noted above until February 28, 2009.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to Section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 154(i), and Sections 1.46 and 27.1232(b)(1)(vi) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.46, 27.1232(b)(1)(vi) that the Requests for Extension of Time filed by subsidiaries of Clearwire Corporation on November 13, 2008 ARE GRANTED, and the time for completing the transition in the Basic Trading Areas listed above IS EXTENDED TO February 28, 2009.

This action is taken under delegated authority pursuant to Sections 0.131 and 0.331 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.131, 0.331.

Sincerely yours,

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